# GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL ROBERT W. HANCOCK TURFGRASS RESEARCH CENTER EAST LANSING, MICHIGAN JANUARY 6, 2006

**Members Present:** Jon Allan, Jim Cleland, James Clift, Jon Coleman, Mike Gregg, Kurt Heise (via conference call), Fred Henningsen, Craig Hoffman, Rod Mersino, Tom Newhof, Mike Newman, and Al Steinman

Others: Jim Nicholas and Jim Bredin

Jon Allan opened the meeting and Craig Hoffman welcomed the Council to the Robert W. Hancock Turfgrass Research Center in East Lansing.

The Council reviewed and approved the meeting agenda.

# **Legislative Report Recommendations**

Jim Nicholas presented a draft of the legislative report for the Council's review. The Council members discussed a number of issues regarding continued development of the final report. The Council members reviewed a number of unresolved issues and discussed proposed edits and potential illustrations/graphics to be included in the final report. The Council members agreed to review the draft report and provide final comments by the end of next week (January 13, 2006). The Council agreed to provide Jim Nicholas with a distribution list for the final report.

# Annex 2001 Update

Jim Bredin, Office of the Great Lakes, DEQ, provided an update of the Annex implementation process. The Great Lakes St. Lawrence River Basin Sustainable Water Resources Agreement was signed by the Governors/Premiers on December 13, 2005. The Council members discussed the draft of the portion of the final report regarding Michigan's statutory conformance with the Annex Agreements.

## **Water Legislation Update**

The Council members discussed the recently senate-passed water use legislation, specifically Senate Bill 851 and substitutes. The Council members discussed the implication of the bills on future Council activities.

## **Future Meetings**

The Council agreed to hold, if necessary, a conference call on January 11, 2006, at 3:00 p.m. to discuss the final draft report. No future meetings of the Council were scheduled.